

CLAIMS:

1. A remote control with a button comprising:
 - (a) said button operatively interconnected to a video device;
 - 5 (b) operating said button for a first duration less than a first threshold duration resulting in skipping a portion of a video of said video device;
 - (c) operating said button for a second duration less than a second threshold duration resulting in fast forwarding said video at a first rate;
 - (d) operating said button for a third duration less than a third threshold duration resulting in fast forwarding said video at a second rate, wherein said second rate is faster than said first rate, wherein said first rate and said second rate is greater than a normal playback rate for said video device.
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2. The remote control of claim 1 wherein said button is operated by pushing.
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3. The remote control of claim 1 wherein said video device is a personal video recorder.
4. The remote control of claim 1 wherein said first threshold duration is less than said second threshold duration.
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5. The remote control of claim 4 wherein said second threshold duration is less than said third threshold duration.

6. The remote control of claim 1 wherein releasing said button after said first threshold duration results in fast forwarding said video at said first rate.

5 7. The remote control of claim 1 wherein releasing said button after said second threshold duration results in fast forwarding said video at said second rate.

8. The remote control of claim 1 wherein releasing said button after said third threshold duration results in fast forwarding said video at a rate greater than said 10 second rate.

9. The remote control of claim 1 wherein pressing another button results in changing to said normal playback rate.

15 10. A remote control with a button comprising:
(a) said button operatively interconnected to a video device;
(b) operating said button for a first duration less than a first threshold duration resulting in skipping a portion of a video of said video device and thereafter changing to a normal playback rate for said video device;
20 (c) operating said button for a second duration greater than said first threshold duration and less than a second threshold duration resulting in fast forwarding said video at a first rate, wherein said first rate is greater than said normal playback rate;

(d) operating said button for a third duration greater than said second duration and less than a third threshold duration resulting in fast forwarding said video at a second rate, wherein said second rate is greater than said first rate;

5 (e) operating said button for a fourth duration greater than said third duration resulting in fast forwarding said video at a third rate, wherein said third rate is greater than said second rate;

(f) pressing another button of said remote control returning said video device to said normal playback rate.